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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,614) in view of Sourour (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,820) further in view of Whinnett (U.S. Patent No. 6,192,256).

Regarding claim 1, Furukawa teaches a communication system (see fig. 5) comprising: at least one base station for modulating a carrier signal in response to a data stream (see fig. 5, col. 1, lines 5-14), which is to be transmitted by the base station (see col. 1, lines 26-27), in order to produce a modulated carrier signal and transmit the modulated carrier signal through at least two distinct propagation media (see fig. 13, and col. 7, lines 10-17); and at least one mobile station in communication with the base station for receiving the modulate carrier signal (see col. 3, lines 60-62), which undergoes distortion due to propagation through a medium (see col. 3, line 66-col. 4, line 6), wherein distinct pilot signals known by the mobile station (see fig. 3, col. 1, lines 26-31), are transmitted to the mobile station by the base station through each of the propagation media (see fig. 13 and fig. 3, col. 1, lines 26-31), and the mobile station receives the pilot signals as distorted pilot signals through each of the propagation media (see col. 2, lines 37-55 and col. 3, line 66-col. 4, line 11), then compares the received distorted pilot signals to determine and predict propagation measurements (see col. 7, lines 17-27), and wherein

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feedback information, which is determined therefrom, is transmitted from the mobile station to the base station (see col. 5, line 63-col. 6, line 6), then utilized by the base station to alter the characteristics of the modulated carrier signal prior to transmission (see col. 5, lines 22-30). But Furukawa fails to show the demodulating the distorted signal to recover the data stream; and base station comprising: at least two antennas coupled to the respective media; a transmission unit coupled to the respective antennas, wherein the transmission unit receives the data stream and modulates the carrier signal to produce the modulated carrier signal; and a calculation unit coupled to the transmission unit and the at least two antennas for receiving the feedback information from the mobile station, and modulated carrier signals being transmitted over each of the media are weighted.

However, Sourour teaches the demodulating the distorted signal to recover the data stream (see col. 2, lines 33-41).

Moreover, Whinnett teaches a base station (see figs. 1 and 7) comprising: at least two antennas coupled to the respective media (see figs. 1 and 7, col. 3, lines 11-32); a transmission unit coupled to the respective antennas (see fig. 2, col. 3, lines 33-53), wherein the transmission unit receives the data stream and modulates the carrier signal to produce the modulated carrier signal (see fig. 7, col. 10, lines 19-56 and col. 11, lines 4-18); and a calculation unit coupled to the transmission unit and the at least two antennas for receiving the feedback information from the mobile station (see figs 6-7, col. 9, line 55-col. 10, line 18), and modulated carrier signals being transmitted over each of the media are weighted (see col. 10, lines 19-56 and col. 11, lines 4-18).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Furukawa system and by the teaching of Sourour on the demodulating the distorted signal and by the teaching of Whinnett on the base station with two antennas and adjusts weight information thereto in order to provide system to demodulate a multi path fading channel and transmitting communication device adjusts the weight associated with the as least one of antennas associated to weight information received from the receiver (see whinnett col. 1, lines 40-55).

Regarding claim 3, Furukawa teaches wherein the base station transmits a distinct pilot signal to the mobile station (see col. 2, lines 37-55 and col. 3, line 66-col. 4, line 11). But Furukawa fails to teach base station transmits using each of the at least two antennas.

However, Whinnett teaches base station transmits using each of the at least two antennas (see figs 1-2 and 7, col. 3, lines 33-53).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Furukawa system and by the teaching of Sourour on the demodulating the distorted signal and by the teaching of Whinnett on the base station with two antennas and adjusts weight information thereto in order to provide system to demodulate a multi path fading channel and transmitting communication device adjusts the weight associated with the as least one of antennas associated to weight information received from the receiver (see whinnett col. 1, lines 40-55).

Regarding claim 4, Whinnett teaches wherein the predicted feedback information is transmitted from the mobile station to the base station via a feedback channel (see fig. 6, col. 9, line 55-col. 10, line 18).

3. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,614) in view of Tanay (U.S. Pub. No. 20030129987) in view of Desantis (U.S. Patent No. 5,628,052)

Regarding claim 5, Furukawa teaches a method for providing feedback from a mobile station to a base station based on predicted information (see col. 2, lines 33-60 and col. 3, lines 61-62), the method comprising: performing propagation measurements for a plurality of propagation media (see fig. 13, col. 7, lines 10-21); estimating a representative value for each of the at least two of the plurality of propagation media based on the propagation measurements (see fig. 13, col. 7, lines 10-33 and col. 5, lines 16-19); performing prediction of future propagation measurements for each of the plurality of propagation media (see fig. 13, col. 7, lines 10-33). But Furukawa fails to teach the feedback information based on prediction of future propagation measurements, and from at least two antennas.

However, Tanay teaches the feedback information based on prediction of future propagation measurements (see page 6, session [0052], lines 19-27 and session [0055], lines 7-21).

Moreover, Desantis teaches propagation measurements at least two antennas (see figs 1 and 5, col. 2, lines 12-27).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Furukawa system and by the teaching of Tanay on the feedback information and also providing of the by teaching by Whinnett on two antennas technique, thereto in order to provide the weighting factors so that the system can adjust the interference impact scores accordingly (see Tanay page 6, session [0052], lines 19-27).

Regarding claim 6, Desantis teaches the feedback information to the base station using a feedback channel (see col. 2, lines 16-21).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung, can be reached at (703) 308-7745.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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